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IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE
POTLUCK DINNER THURSDAY APRIL 17

Because of a conflict in schedules at the Veterans Memorial Hall and a few other problems, we have rescheduled the annual potluck to Thursday, April 17, rather than Tuesday, April 15. Anyone late with their income tax return now has one less conflict.

Dolly Pfautch is in charge of the food arrangements. You may hear from her or volunteer to her for your assistance.

DUES TIME AGAIN

The enclosed envelop and the tear-off sheet at the end of this newsletter with your dues will help the membership chairperson (Virginia Anderson) get our membership in order. A new membership list will be prepared and mailed to all members later this year. It would be helpful to have the given names of family members (for example June and George---). We will try to incorporate that into the membership list.

LAFAYETTE HISTORY BOOK

We have arranged for a second printing of "LaFayette - A Pictorial History". The first edition of the Sandy Kimball book is sold out. The new edition will be available soon from this Society or at the Needlepoint Shop on Lafayette Circle. That shop also has our postcards and note paper.

NEW IN THE SUN

A joint project of the Lafayette and Orinda Historical Society has provided photographs for the Friday Sun under the heading of Before My Time. Joan Merryman has been working on this for three years and now its here. Had you seen it, do you recognize any of the photographed areas.

others are in the [redacted] and may be read during library hours.

HOUGH FAMILY LETTERS
1876

S. Hough was at Hough Springs in Lake County at the beginning of the year, and wrote to his family in Lafayette that it was a severe winter. Lots of rain and snow covered the mountains; roads were impassable and the creeks too high to cross much of the time. It would sometimes take months for a letter to arrive. Newspapers were the Call and the Post and these were their source of information on land matters.

On May 30, George wrote that it took him four days to make the trip from Lafayette to Hough Springs. The first day, he got as far as Vacaville; the second day, he got to 16 miles from Colege City; the third day, as far as Eppersons. "I did not lose the road once coming up," he wrote.

On the Fourth of July, there were fireworks and Roman candles in Lafayette. Frank wrote to his brother George that, "We fired off our fireworks and we did not get hurt or burnt. They shot the anvil off 48 times and they used three cans of powder."

On August 7th, George reported that there were two stages running daily through Hough Springs. He was going home to Lafayette the following week.

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HOUGH FAMILY LETTERS TYPED FROM THE ORIGINAL LETTERS
BY MRS. HELEN SHANK

ILLUSTRATIONS OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

In 1952, the Contra Costa Historical Society reprinted the 1879 Illustrations of Contra Costa County, California with Historical Sketch by Smith and Elliot publishers. The centennial edition (1979) reprint of that book is now available from Valley Publishers in Fresno. Your society can arrange for your purchase and make some money for our treasury. The price is $30.00 now and increasing to $32.50 later. Order forms are available from us or at the potluck dinner.

THE ANTIQUE CONNECTION

The Lamorinda Youth Employment Service has established a shop for the sale of antique items. They offer a professional appraised service for items they take on consignment. They split the sales price 60% to the owner and 40% to the service. They suggest donations of items to a society organization as a contribution, the society then sells the item and the 60% goes to the treasury. For further info, call Barbara Custer (376-1989) or visit the shop at 70 Lafayette Circle - Tuesday through Saturday, 11-3, telephone 283-5883.

FORTY YEARS OF ACALANES HIGH SCHOOL

Acalanes High School will have a have a 40th year celebration and Country Fair put on by the Acalanes Parent's Club on Saturday, May 31st. We will be there with a booth and will share the scrap book donated to us by Phyllis Petersen with collectibles that go back 40 years.

COMPLETE - TEAR OFF - MAIL WITH DUES

Name_____ Ph._____
Last First Spouse

Address_____

Date_____

Classification: (Circle one)	Student	Family	Business	Life
	$2.50	$5.00	$50.00	$100.

Special Interests? Please check if you can help.

- Historic Preservation
- Field Trips
- Landmarks
- Oral History
- Community Observer
- Typing, phoning or clerical help
- Newspaper Clippings
- Photographs
- Research

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